

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0027] with the following paragraph:

A1 -- [0027] Another inventive rare-earth sintered magnet has a composition of $(R1_x + R2_y)(T1_p + T2_q)_{100-x-y-z-r}Q_zM_r$ (R1 is at least one element selected from the group consisting of all rare-earth elements excluding La (lanthanum), Y (yttrium) and Sc (scandium); R2 is at least one element selected from the group consisting of La, Y and Sc; T1 is Fe; T2 is at least one element selected from the group consisting of all transition elements excluding Fe; Q is at least one element selected from the group consisting of B and C; and M is at least one element selected from the group consisting of Al, Ga, Sn and In), and includes, as a main phase, a crystal grain of an $Nd_2Fe_{14}B$ crystalline structure, wherein: molar fractions x, y, z, p, q and r satisfy $8 \leq x+y \leq 18$ at%, $0 < y \leq 4$ at%, $3 \leq z \leq 20$ at%, $0 < q \leq 20$ at%, $0 \leq q/(p+q) \leq 0.3$ at% and $0 \leq r \leq 3$ at%, respectively; and a concentration of R2 is higher in at least a part of a grain boundary phase than in the crystal grain. --

Please replace paragraph [0032] with the following paragraph:

A2 -- [0032] Another inventive method of producing a rare-earth sintered magnet includes the steps of: preparing a powder of a rare-earth alloy having a composition of $(R1_x + R2_y)(T1_p + T2_q)_{100-x-y-z-r}Q_zM_r$ (R1 is at least one element selected from the group consisting of all rare-earth elements excluding La (lanthanum), Y (yttrium) and Sc (scandium); R2 is at least one element selected from the group consisting of La, Y and Sc; T1 is Fe; T2 is at least one element selected from the group consisting of all transition elements excluding Fe; Q is at least one element selected from the group consisting of B and C; and M is at least one element selected from the group consisting of Al, Ga, Sn and In), and including, as a main phase, a crystal grain of an $Nd_2Fe_{14}B$ crystalline structure, wherein: molar fractions x, y, z, p, q and r satisfy $8 \leq x+y \leq 18$ at%, $0 < y \leq 4$ at%, $3 \leq z \leq 20$ at%, $0 < q \leq 20$ at%, $0 \leq q/(p+q) \leq 0.3$ at% and $0 \leq r \leq 3$ at%, respectively; and sintering the rare-earth alloy powder,

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wherein R2 existing in the main phase crystal grain of the $\text{Nd}_2\text{Fe}_{14}\text{B}$ crystalline structure in the rare-earth alloy before sintering is diffused into a grain boundary phase in the sintering step, whereby a concentration of R2 is higher in at least a part of the grain boundary phase than in the crystal grain. - -

Please replace paragraph [0109] with the following paragraph:

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-- [0109] First, a rare-earth alloy having a composition of $(\text{R1}_x + \text{R2}_y)(\text{T1}_p + \text{T2}_q)_{100-x-y-z-r}\text{Q}_z\text{M}_r$ is prepared. In the composition, R1 is at least one element selected from the group consisting of all rare-earth elements excluding La (lanthanum), Y (yttrium) and Sc (scandium); R2 is at least one element selected from the group consisting of La, Y and Sc; T1 is Fe; T2 is at least one element selected from the group consisting of all transition elements excluding Fe; Q is at least one element selected from the group consisting of B and C; M is at least one element selected from the group consisting of Al, Ga, Sn and In; and the molar fractions x, y, z, p, q and r satisfy $8 \leq x+y \leq 18$ at%, $0 < y \leq 4$ at%, $3 \leq z \leq 20$ at%, $0 < q \leq 20$ at%, $0 \leq q/(p+q) \leq 0.3$ at% and $0 \leq r \leq 3$ at%, respectively. Note that $p+q = 100-x-y-z-r$ is satisfied. - -